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SUBJECT: KASHMIR

1. ANSWERING QUESTIONS AT A MARCH 26 PRESS CONFERENCE, JAMMU AND KASHMIR CHIEF MINISTER SHEIKH ABDULLAH SAID THAT UNDER THE INDIAN CONSTITUTION ANY INDO-PAKISTAN AGREEMENT ON KASHMIR WHICH CHANGED THE BOUNDARIES OF THE STATE REQUIRED THE APPROVAL OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY. THE SAME APPLIED, HE NOTED, TO ANY AGREEMENT BETWEEN INDIA AND CHINA. ABDULLAH HASTENED TO AFFIRM, HOWEVER, UNCLASSIFIED

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THE GOI'S RIGHT TO NEGOTIATE WITH PAKISTAN ON THE KASHMIR QUESTION: "WE ARE PART OF INDIA AND ANY TALKS THAT WILL BE HELD IN THIS REGARD WILL BE ON OUR BEHALF, TOO" SHEIKH ABDULLAH ALSO STATED THAT FORMER PAKISTANI PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO "SHOULD BE GIVEN A FAIR TRIAL AND NOT A POLITICAL ONE."

2. ALMOST AS THE SHEIKH WAS SPEAKING, 1500
DEMONSTRATORS WERE BURNING GEN. ZIA IN EFFIGY AT
SUCHETGARH, NEAR THE PAKISTAN BORDER CLOSE TO
JAMMU CITY. TWO MEMBERS OF THE JAMMU AND KASHMIR
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY DEMANDING CLEMENCY FOR BHUTTO
HARANGUED THE CROWD WHICH, ACCORDING TO ONE PRESS
REPORT, INCLUDED NON-MUSLIMS. THE DEMONSTRATORS
HAD ANNOUNCED THEIR INTENTION TO GO TO LAHORE, BUT,
PERHAPS AS EXPECTED, FOUND THE ROAD BLOCKED BY
INDIAN POLICE.
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